

in the Iowa Air National Guard in 1966 as a jet mechanic, and has served as the top uniformed officer of the Iowa Guard for the past 9 years. As Adjutant General, he's led the Iowa Guard through the transformation from a strategic reserve to an operational force, and overseen the deployment of thousands of Iowa National Guard members to Iraq and Afghanistan. As chairman of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission, General Dardis has also led the state's recovery efforts after this year's devastating storms. It's been my privilege to work with General Dardis on issues of importance to the Iowa Guard, including ensuring that soldiers who served in Iraq received the education benefits they deserved. It's also been an honor to work with him on our State's vital storm recovery efforts. I thank General Dardis for his invaluable service to the National Guard, the State of Iowa, and the United States, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

HONORING EDWARD TITUS ROACH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Edward Titus Roach of Weston, Missouri. Edward is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Edward has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Edward has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Edward Titus Roach for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DREW JUDEN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Drew Juden, director of the Department of Public Safety in Sikeston, Missouri, on being named 2008 Donald Red Loehr Outstanding Police Chief—the highest honor a police chief can receive in our state.

In the many years I have known Director Juden, he has been a stalwart advocate for public safety. He distinguished himself by combating drug crime in Sikeston, by formulating calm, complete responses to statewide natural disasters, and by playing a key role in preparedness exercises for a potentially serious earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which includes Sikeston. On earthquake preparedness, Director Juden brings together local, State and Federal entities to cooperate in the face of a serious threat that could cripple

major transportation corridors, disrupt communications on a multistate basis, and interrupt energy supplies from coast to coast. Director Juden is more than a dedicated public servant, he is a leader who recognizes opportunities to think creatively to improve the systems that protect and serve our citizens.

In Sikeston, Director Juden has a reputation few police chiefs enjoy. He is widely respected, known to be fair, and trusted by everyone in the community for which he works. It is to Director Juden's credit that, as well-known and widely respected as he is, he approached his duty to the people of Sikeston and of Missouri as a public servant first.

By achieving this honor, Director Juden has earned well-deserved praise for his leadership role in law enforcement and disaster response preparedness. I sincerely hope that, by recognizing Drew Juden's many accomplishments with this award, the national law enforcement community also takes notice of the initiatives Director Juden continues to lead to keep Sikeston and other southern Missouri communities safe. I'm very proud to congratulate Drew Juden, 2008 Outstanding Police Chief for the State of Missouri, and to commend him to the U.S. House of Representatives for all of his hard work.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINDEN, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the City of Linden, Michigan, on their 20th Anniversary. A celebration will be held at Linden City Hall on Friday, December 12th.

Linden is located in southern Genesee County on the headwaters of the Shiawassee River. Consider Warner and Eben Harris built a sawmill on the river in 1840 and the village of Linden grew up around the mill. During the 1980s the residents of Linden decided to become a city and in 1988 the City of Linden was incorporated. The Charter Commission was comprised of Keith Wenger, chairperson; Judy Pieczynski, Secretary; Harvey C. Charbonneau; Robert Nellett; Doug Morgan; Marjorie Kimble; Craig Newberry; and Farrand Ward. Their goals were to provide better representation, better infrastructure, have a professional administration and still maintain the historic integrity of the town. To this end they decided on a council/manager form of government.

Over the past 20 years the City of Linden has worked to provide quality service to its residents. The city has completed 25 projects to enhance the infrastructure by paving streets and sidewalks, installing water and sewer lines, building a streetscape, façade projects, a water treatment plant, a playground and a boardwalk. The City also maintains a full-time police department, a 22-member fire department and a department of public works.

The City Council, Planning Commission and Historic District Commission work closely to preserve the historic nature of the city. They draw upon the resources of their local historian, Claude Cranston, for advice on the char-

acter of the early Linden area. In 2007 a fire destroyed a landmark historic building in the downtown area but the community pulled together to work around this loss.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the City of Linden, Michigan, as the community comes together to celebrate its 20th anniversary. I congratulate the elected officials, the staff and inhabitants of this wonderful city. City Hall is centered on providing quality assistance to the residents. They have created a family friendly community rooted in the past but looking toward the future. I wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING KYLE BUCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Buck of Kansas City, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Buck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HOLY GHOST DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker. I rise to pay tribute and to welcome a place of solace, healing and faith that will soon be built to serve the community of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, November 29, 2008 to commemorate the construction of a new 7,000-seat sanctuary in Estate Barren Spot, St. Croix, which will be called the City of Refuge.

The sanctuary is being built to serve all citizens of the entire Virgin Islands, and I would like to commend Senior Pastor Mona L. Barnes, Apostle Eleanor A. Estrada, and the congregation of Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries for their vision and enduring passion for serving our community.

The church is currently building an independent living complex to provide much-needed housing for our elderly population. Fourteen of the 48 units being built will soon be dedicated and ready for occupancy.

Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries completed in 2001 the construction of a multipurpose gymnasium, which now serves as their